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Inmate Death at FMC Carswell

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, July 3, 2020, inmate Marie Neba tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Carswell, in Fort Worth, Texas, and was immediately placed in isolation. On Tuesday, August 4, 2020, Ms. Neba was considered recovered by medical staff as determined by CDC guidelines. On Monday, August 10, 2020, Ms. Neba was evaluated by institutional medical staff for abdominal pain and shortness of breath, and was admitted to the facility's Nursing Care Unit. On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, she was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. While at the hospital, her condition declined, and on Monday, August 24, 2020, she was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, August 25, 2020, Ms. Neba, who had long-term, preexisting medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Ms. Neba was a 56-year-old female who was sentenced in the Southern District of Texas to a 900-month sentence for Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud, Health Care Fraud, Aiding and Abetting, False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters, Conspiracy to Pay and Receive Health Care Kickbacks, Payment and Receipt of Health Care Kickbacks, and Conspiracy to Commit the Laundering of Monetary Instruments. Ms. Neba had been in custody at FMC Carswell since September 26, 2017.

FMC Carswell is an Administrative facility that currently houses 1301 female offenders.

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